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Three LTADD Cities Receive Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds

On Monday, May 17, Governor Paul Patton announced the recipients of Transportation Enhancement funds through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The City of Cloverport received \$84,521 for sidewalks, curb and gutter along Main Street and Poplar Street in the city's downtown. The project will also include landscaping and other beautification and enhancement projects.

The City of Brandenburg received \$32,364 for the restoration of three historic staircases leading down "Town Hill" to Main Street. Finally, the City of Irvington received \$100,000 to restore the CSX depot for use as a community meeting center and town museum. Each of these projects requires 20% matching funds from the city.

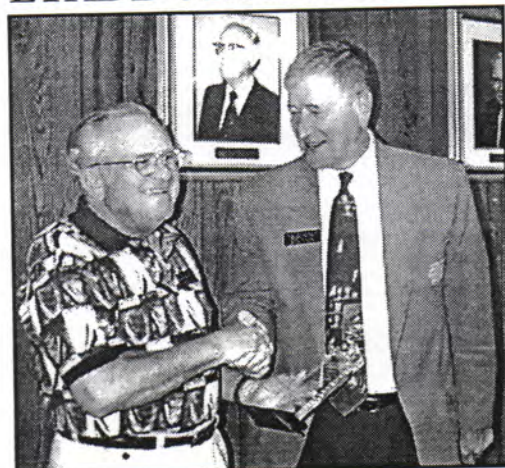
Two LTADD Cities Receive Renaissance Kentucky Grants

On April 7, two LTADD cities were awarded funding through the new Renaissance Kentucky program. The cities of Cloverport and Vine Grove each received \$7,000 for infrastructure planning and \$37,500 for facade improvements in their downtown areas. Both Cloverport and Vine Grove were awarded the status of "Silver" Renaissance cities in the fall of 1998.



Governor Paul Patton presents Tom Wheatley, Mayor of Cloverport, with check in the amount of \$129,021: \$84,521 in TEA-21 funds, and \$44,500 for Renaissance Kentucky projects. Also pictured are Ms. Doris Hale, President and Mr. Tom Hayes, Treasurer of Cloverport's Main Street Renaissance Program.

LTADD 31st Annual Meeting



Chairman Gene Spragens (right) presenting Mr. Larry Gatewood with the Palmer Peterson Award.



Mr. Jack Golden presenting Ms. Alberta Goldsberry with the Dorothy Dolle Memorial Award.

On April 23, 1999, the Lincoln Trail Area Development District held its 31st Annual Meeting at Hillbilly Heaven in Bardstown. Many were in attendance, including Representative Jodie Haydon, Representative Mike Weaver, and Representative Jimmie Lee. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. David Dick, Kentucky Author. The "Dorothy Dolle Memorial Award" was presented to Ms. Alberta Goldsberry from Grayson County, in recognition of her outstanding service and dedication to advance the cause of older Americans. Mr. Larry Gatewood received the "Palmer A. 'Pete' Peterson Memorial Award" for his leadership and dedication to the Lincoln Trail Area Development District.



PROGRAM UPDATE

14th Annual Senior Celebration Held May 20th



**Creating a Society
for All Ages**

In recognition of the
United Nation's International
Year of the Older Person

The annual Lincoln Trail Senior Celebration was held on May 20th, at the Pritchard Community Center in Elizabethtown. This year's event drew approximately

500 senior
citizens from

across the district. Area service providers came together to provide a day of fun and education through information booths and entertainment. Awards were given for a variety of distinctions including: most grandchildren, longest married, and most senior. Once again, the Lincoln Trail Service Providers Group thanks all those who participated, and would like to extend a special thanks to the **City of Elizabethtown** for the use of the Pritchard Community Center. We look forward to seeing you at Senior Celebration 2000!



Our own **Maureen Miracle** was the MC for the program and in keeping with our theme, the International Year of the Older Person, she introduced **Mr. Rafael Paparinov** who entertained the group with several Bulgarian folk songs.



Ms. Beverly Heath, Adult Day Director at Sunrise Manor, presented the "Oldest Participant Award" to Ms. Ollie Jagers, age 98, from Hardin County. Sadly, Ms. Jagers passed away on June 2, 1999, having turned 99 years old on May 23rd.

The **Cloverport Senior Citizens Center** has moved from downtown Cloverport to Creekview Apartments, a senior housing complex. This move took place on May 18th, and the Center held an Open House on May 28th.

Kentucky

*Have you heard about Kentucky
The State we all love best,
Of the squirrels in the tree tops
The blue birds in their nests.*

*Have you heard about our valleys,
With their crops of golden grain,
And the beauty of our meadows,
When God sends a gentle rain.*

*Have you heard about our Fort
And the Gold that is buried there?
Uncle Sam has placed his trust
In the State we think so fair.*

*We have many things to boast of
In this state we love so well,
Of our horses in the Bluegrass
I'm sure you have heard tell.*

*Mammoth Cave and Lincoln's cabin
And My Old Kentucky Home
Are places you should visit
When you start out to roam.*

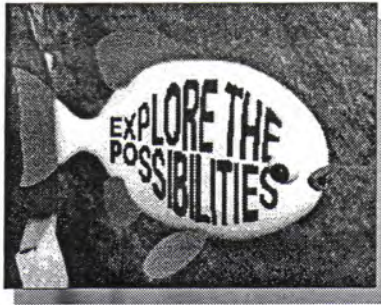
*And the man who wants to marry
Some good, old fashioned girl,
Should come to Old Kentucky
Where he's sure to find a pearl.*

*When the earth was being formed,
We were surely mighty lucky
God left a bit of heaven here
And they named it Kentucky.*

-Anonymous Senior Citizen

Pictured to the right are "Grandpa and the Boot Scooting Grannies" who really kicked up their heels to the enjoyment of the crowd!





Employment & Training News

PEOPLE

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FAREWELL JTPA... HELLO... WIA

On June 30, 1999, the Employment/Training staff bid farewell to a program that has been around for more than a decade. While we may still see traces of the JTPA program for a few months, as close-out activities take place, *JTPA is officially over*. Gone, with it, are the acronyms and jargon that became a part of our daily office routine over the years. No longer will you see JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) and PIC (Private Industry Council). In their place will be a new program and new acronyms, such as **WIA** (Workforce Investment Act) and **WIB** (Workforce Investment Board). But titles and acronyms are not the only things that differentiate these two programs. While JTPA was a program primarily for the economically disadvantaged population of our area and focused on training, WIA will have some basic services available to anyone who enters the doors of the One-Stop center. Under WIA, the focus shifts from training to work. Clients must demonstrate their inability to gain employment, after receiving core and intensive services, before becoming eligible for training.

For the Employment/ Training staff, a new program with a new focus will mean learning new skills, finding new resources, and adjusting to new methods of operation. It will be a challenge — one for which we are all preparing while anticipating success for ourselves, as a team, for the program and, most importantly, for the people we serve.

Summer Youth

In April, Client Services Managers began certifying young people between the ages of 16 and 21 for the summer work program. The total number of young men and women who entered the workforce on June 15, 1999, was 217. These young people are working in a variety of occupations in various schools and other non-profit agencies within their counties of residence. Sixty individuals are working in the Summer Challenge program, which combines learning skills with work skills in unique projects, requiring them to be the planners, designers, and laborers. A summer of work, learning, and fun is anticipated by everyone involved.

WELFARE TO WORK

The Pride program is on the move when it comes to job readiness and placement of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients. **Leitchfield Pride** has graduated eight participants from the program and into unsubsidized jobs. **Lebanon Pride** has graduated nine people from the program, with four having secured unsubsidized employment, and the remaining five are projected to be employed by June 30, 1999. According to Pride staff, client outreach, good communication among service providers throughout the community, and genuine concern for people are key to making Welfare-to-Work a success.

The number of TANF referrals have increased due to the collaborative efforts among staff members of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District, the Department for Community Based Services, and local contract providers. Staff at LTADD are exploring outreach options to increase the number of individuals for testing and certification. Having made a positive impact on 17 lives to date, we are confident that Welfare-to-Work is workable.

Community Connections for Children

In preparation for the upcoming program year, the Community Connections Committee spent time reviewing applications for grant funding. Many excellent applications were received, making the decision for funding a difficult task for committee members. Due to significant funding cuts, the committee was only able to fund four proposals. Approved services for the 1999-2000 program year include respite child care for victims of domestic violence, mental health programs for children, preventive health care, and teen parenting education.

Title V Employment Training Program

A training luncheon was held June 11, 1999, at the Lincoln Trail Area Development District office. The meeting was attended by individuals aged 55 and older who are enrolled in the Title V Job Training program. **Mrs. Anita Case, LTADD Fiscal Officer**, provided information for participants regarding direct deposit and changes in the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

LINCOLN TRAIL AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



FY 2000 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONCEPT PLAN

The Lincoln Trail ADD Transportation staff, with the assistance of the Regional Transportation Committee, will develop a *Regional Transportation Concept Plan* in Fiscal Year 2000. The plan will project a vision for a transportation system in the region, identify transportation issues and develop a region-wide consensus. Community agencies, such as the chambers of commerce, will be utilized in the identification of issues, and the Regional Transportation Committee will make the final decision concerning the development of strategies.

LaRue County Updates Zoning Map

LaRue County and Hodgenville have implemented planning regulations for over 20 years. They have updated their Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations several times; however, quite some time had elapsed between Zoning Map updates. Utilizing the newly completed Existing Land Use Map as part of their new Comprehensive Plan, the Commission proceeded to update its Zoning Map for Hodgenville and the unincorporated portions of the County. The Commission also went through all the rezoning files for the past two years and mapped those changes as well. This newly updated Zoning Map reflects development patterns of the past 20 years.

The Commission must hold a public hearing on the proposed map, and will then forward the respective maps to the Fiscal Court and City Council for final adoption. The next step in the planning process will be to update the Zoning Ordinance per the recently completed Comprehensive Plan. For additional information contact the Land of Lincoln Planning Commission or Andy R. Nevin, AICP Regional Land Use Planner, LTADD.

Judge Brown Elected Chairman of LTADD Transportation Committee

At its May 12th meeting, the Lincoln Trail Area Development District Transportation Committee elected **Judge Executive Mark Brown** as its Chairman. Under an annual contract with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the committee is charged with identifying, evaluating, and prioritizing transportation needs for the eight county region. In the coming months, the ADD's transportation committee will be working on the development of a Regional Transportation Plan to identify and address important transportation related issues. The committee meets on a bi-monthly basis at the ADD office.

Leitchfield Adopts Zoning - Looks Forward to Land Division Controls

Last year, the **City of Leitchfield** adopted its Comprehensive Plan Update. The plan included strategies to protect and integrate development patterns. The intention of the city was to complete a new plan and begin steps toward implementation. The plan was intended to be an aid in drafting and implementing development laws, in order to influence development patterns for the next 10 to 15 years. Such updates in Comprehensive Plans are also required by Kentucky Law.

Zoning regulations, consisting of the zoning ordinance and map, were then produced utilizing several public hearings for input. The Planning Commission adopted the zoning regulations, and has moved ahead to the next step in implementing the Comprehensive Plan which will be the drafting of Subdivision Regulations. As in the past, the city desires to remain proactive on the many issues facing Leitchfield. With input from residents, developers and public officials, the city anticipates that all citizens will benefit from an open and cooperative effort.

For copies of the planning documents, or for more information contact the Leitchfield Planning Commission or Andy R. Nevin, AICP - Regional Land Use Planner, LTADD.

West Point Submits CDBG Housing Pre-Application

The **City of West Point** has submitted a pre-application for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$920,000 for a housing project. The city desires to acquire dilapidated properties and return the area to its natural state of greenspace and water retention. West Point also plans to apply for HOME funds which will be used to construct new low-to-moderately priced homes outside the flood plain. Lincoln Trail Area Development District is assisting the city with both applications.

LINCOLN TRAIL COMMUNITIES RECEIVE AREA DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

During the 1998 Session, the Kentucky General Assembly allocated monies to the Area Development Fund (ADF). The Area Development Fund provides funding for capital improvements, including construction, reconstruction, renovation, or maintenance of public buildings, acquisition of real property, purchase of major equipment items, solid waste management, extension or installation of utilities, and industrial site development projects. The funding for the ADF program comes from the state coal severance tax, and is administered by the Department for Local Government through the fifteen Area Development Districts.

The total FY 1998 ADF allocation of \$108,593.25 was divided among the fifteen Area Development Districts on the basis of total population, and then the LTADD divided its total allocation among its eight (8) area counties.



Hardin County ADF Presentation - Ambulance purchase \$28,902.04 - State Senator Elizabeth Tori, Judge/Executive Glen Dalton, and State Representative Jimmie Lee.



City of Cloverport ADF Presentation - City Hall renovation \$4,060.89 - Mayor Tom Wheatley and State Representative Dwight Butler.

Each County Committee, consisting of the judge/executive and mayors of incorporated cities, reviewed project requests and determined the distribution of its ADF monies among the incorporated entities. Since January 1999, the LTADD Board of Directors has reviewed and approved ADF applications from eighteen communities. After Board approval, the LTADD submits the ADF application to DLG for final approval, and then upon receipt of funds, state Senators, Representatives and LTADD staff present checks to local communities.

City of Leitchfield ADF Presentation: Beville Park Improvements - \$3,001 - State Senator Virgil Moore, Mayor William Thomason, and LTADD's PAS, Janet Johnston.



City of Mackville ADF Presentation - Jaws of Life Equipment \$9,374.05 - State Representative John W. D. Bowling, Mayor Carl Gabhart, and City Commissioners.

DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY

Lebanon Holds Dedication

The unveiling of a statue of Major General George H. Thomas was held Monday, April 26, at the corner of Spalding Avenue and Walnut Street in **Lebanon**. Featured speakers were **Congressman Ron Lewis** of the Second Congressional District and **Mr. Rudy Ayoroa**, Sculptor/Artist (pictured). A fund-raiser for the statue began two years ago with contributions from the **City of Lebanon** and **Marion County**. Those funds, followed by donations from the community, made the project a reality. The statue was commissioned to call attention to the role the area played in the Civil War and the General's recognition of Lebanon as a strategic supply and recruiting center.

M.G. Thomas called Lebanon home as he prepared for a major strategic battle of the war. In September of 1863, he made his mark during a battle along the banks of the Chickamauga Creek where Union forces were soundly defeated and suffered large casualties. This battle gained him the nickname, the *Rock of Chickamauga*, and had it not been for a bold stand by he and his men, the entire Army of the Cumberland might have been destroyed.



PRESERVATION WEEK

A Proclamation Signing and Photo-Essay Competition Awards Ceremony was held May 10th, in the Capitol Rotunda. The topic for the competition was *Historic Preservation: Protecting the Irreplaceable*, and was sponsored by the Kentucky Heritage Council and Preservation Kentucky, Inc. **Governor Paul Patton** addressed the group and signed a Proclamation designating May 9-15 as Preservation Week. **Mr. David L. Morgan**, Director of the Kentucky Heritage Council, gave an overview of the competition. **Ms. Janet Johnson**, LTADD's Public Administration Specialist and Preservation Kentucky Chair, presented the Primary Category Awards. **Ms. Rebecca Shipp**, Staff Coordinator for the Kentucky Heritage Council, and **Ms. Jacqueline Mylor**, Kentucky Heritage Council Chair, presented Intermediate and Secondary Category Awards.

Sixth Grader **Cassie Staderman**, daughter of **Mrs. Melanie Staderman** (LTADD Client Services Manager), won 2nd Place in the Intermediate Awards Category for her photo-essay on the Carter-Cofer House located on the outskirts of Hodgenville. Following is an excerpt from her essay:



...What else was happening at the time this [house] was built? ...while I was trying to find information on this paper, I learned that the Civil War had recently ended and that soldiers were now starting to fight Native Americans. I learned that more people were moving west, especially to Kansas, and that women were already fighting for women's rights. Locally, I learned that Hodgenville had been an established city for about fifty years before this house was built.

History has to be more than pictures and words in a book. In order to be interesting, it has to be real. By preserving this and other historical sites within both LaRue County and our nation, we not only preserve a piece of our past, but also create a teaching tool for our future.

WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PHASE II

Over the past few months, Lincoln Trail ADD staff have been compiling information for the Governor's initiative to bring water to all Kentuckians by 2020. In Phase I of the process, staff met with water district managers and utility specialists to formulate a list of the contents of each system. Building on that information, Phase II consisted of gathering data from system operators concerning future expansion. Using this information, **Governor Patton** hopes to address the issue during the next session of the General Assembly. It is hoped that funding will be available for many proposed projects. Seven of the eight counties in the Lincoln Trail Area Development District have potential projects.

Using the information gathered to date, staff will compile a database which will be in an easy to read format and will be forwarded to the Water Resource Development Commission. Staff are also in the process of generating maps which will pinpoint current water lines as well as future expansion. If you should have any questions about the Water Resource Development Commission, please contact either Mike Burress, Jann Oellien, Becky Proctor or Patrick Haggerty at LTADD.

NARC

On June 11, 1999, the National Association of Regional Councils held its annual conference in Monterey, California. Economic Development, Management Information Systems, Smart Growth/Livable Communities, Infrastructure, and Financing were among the topics discussed. Breckinridge County Judge/ Executive Tom Moorman, Mayor Ted Brown, Mr. Larry Gatewood, and Mr. Paul Steenbergen were among the Board members in attendance.

NADO

On April 18, 1999, the National Association of Development Organizations held its policy conference in Washington, D.C. The conference covered such topics as: Housing & Community Development, Workforce Development, Transportation, Electric Utility Deregulation, Environmental Issues, and several other topics. LaRue County Judge/ Executive Tommy Turner, Breckinridge County Judge/Executive Tom Moorman, Mr. Gene Spragens, and Mr. Ruben Avila were among the Board members that attended, as well as Mr. Wendell Lawrence and Mrs. Nancy Addington from the ADD staff.



July	5	Independence Day Observed - LTADD Office Closed
	7	Regional Transportation Committee Meeting
	21	Lincoln Trail Board of Directors Meeting
	22	Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting
August	28	Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association Meeting
	4	Statewide Transportation Planning Meeting
	18	Lincoln Trail Board of Directors Meeting
	25	Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association Meeting
September	26	Lincoln Trail Service Providers Meeting
	1	Regional Transportation Committee Meeting
	6	Labor Day - LTADD Office Closed
	15	LTADD Board of Directors Meeting
	22	Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association Meeting
	23	Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting

Since most dates are tentative, please refer to meeting notices or call the LTADD office for correct dates, times and locations prior to traveling to attend.



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Staff News...

Congratulations! Ms. Janet Johnston, Public Administration Specialist, received her 2nd Master's degree, a Master of Arts in Folk Studies (Historic Preservation Track), from Western Kentucky University in May. LTADD welcomes Ms. Regina Wilson, Employment/ Training Specialist, who joined the staff in April.

On May 7, Mr. Patrick Haggerty and Ms. Becky Proctor, Community Development Specialists, attended CDBG guidelines training in Lexington. On May 24-25, they attended the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky Housing Conference in Richmond, and on June 23, they attended HOME guidelines training in Frankfort. Ms. Proctor also attended the Economic Development Toolbox Workshop in Louisville on June 8-9.

Ms. Sherry Johnson, Associate Director, Ms. Jackie Masterson, Employment/Training Specialist, Ms. Angela Nance, SDA Fiscal Officer, and Anita Case, LTADD Fiscal Officer, attended WIA Financial and Administrative training in Nashville, May 11-14. Mr. Andy Nevin, Land Use Planner, attended the KAPA Spring Conference '99 at Natural Bridge State Park on May 12-14.

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